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SUBJECT: TRAVEL OF FREETOWN MAYOR

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1. APPRECIATE WILLINGNESS OF NYC COMMISSIONER OF CIVIC AFFAIRS TO ARRANGE SUITABLE PROGRAM FOR MAYOR AKIBO-BETTS.

2. FOLLOWING IS BRIEF BACKGROUND HIS CAREER: BORN FREETOWN DEC 10, 1909, ATTENDED LOCAL PRIVATE SCHOOLS AND STUDIED AT FOURAH BAY COLLEGE. ENTERED GOVERNMENT MEDICAL SERVICE IN 1933 AS NURSE, LATER QUALIFYING AS DRUGGIST, TOOK COURSES IN ENGLAND IN PHARMACY AND PSYCHOTHERAPY, RETIRING FROM CIVIL SERVICE IN 1962 AFTER SERVING SINCE 1958 AS CHIEF SURGICAL ASSISTANT. ELECTED TO FREETOWN CITY COUNCIL 1964, RESIGNED 1966 WITH ALL OTHER ALL PEOPLE'S CONGRESS (APC) MEMBERS OF COUNCIL, APC THEN BEING OPPOSITION TO NATIONAL GOVERNMENT. SINCE 1968 HAS SERVED AS CHIEF OFFICER OF FREETOWN CITY GOVERNMENT WHICH IN THIS PERIOD OF UNSTABLE POLITICS HAS AT TIMES TAKEN FORM OF AN APPOINTED COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT (1968-70, 1973-PRESENT) AND AT TIMES CITY COUNCIL (1970-73, WHEN ELECTED). AKIBO-BETTS' TITLE HAS CHANGED DURING THIS PERIOD FROM CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT (1968-70), TO MAYOR (ELECTED THREE TIMES IN 1970-73), CURRENTLY AGAIN CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT. VISITED US AT LEAST ONCE BEFORE IN 1971.

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3. ACCORDING TOWN CLERK H.N. FERGUSON, WHO ACCOMPANYING,
MAYOR'S CHIEF INTERESTS IN NYC WILL BE OBSERVE PRIMARY
EDUCATION, HEALTH AND SANITATION SERVICES AND ENVIRONMENTAL
POLLUTION CONTROLS, ORGANIZATION OF PUBLIC MARKETS AND
RECREATION FACILITIES AND FIRE FIGHTING SERVICES.
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